

# Crosslake Area Historical Society

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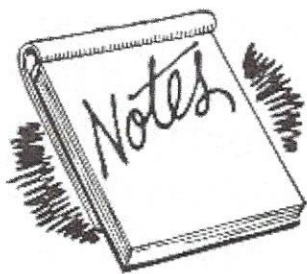
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A note from the Historical Society board president:



There are signs of Spring as I write this note. The ice on the lake seems to be darkening and water is free along the shore. There are only a few snow piles remaining in the yard. Junco and purple finches have been visiting the feeders. Many of our woodland friends will soon be giving birth and buds on trees and bushes are beginning to swell. These are some of the many glimpses of new life. Even in these unusual times of COVID-19, life goes on and we at the Log Village in Crosslake are planning and looking forward to a full and busy summer.

We are especially pleased to offer a full schedule of five Wednesday evening Back Porch series. Our popular Artisan's Fair, hosting craftsman demonstrating products representing earlier times in our history will be back in August. We are hoping for home tour once again in July (maybe September or October.)

Our village is open Saturdays and Sundays, June, July, and August. These weekend days are hosted by our loyal and dedicated volunteers. We need interested folk from the area to meet these needs and look forward to having new volunteers join us.

All in all, we are thinking possibly that our events will be able to happen so we can welcome visitors into the village to experience a "Taste of History" of the early 1900's of Crosslake, MN.

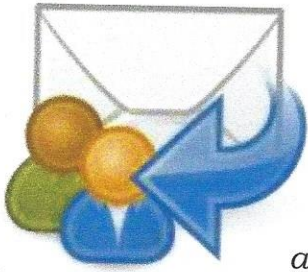
We look forward to pleasant and eventful times at our Log village this Summer.

Mary Kate Williams  
Board President

*Our board participated in a SWOT analysis this Spring. This type of survey is done by companies and organizations to reveal points of Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. Each board member was asked to submit their comments concerning each component. The compilation of the responses has been completed. This survey will aid our organization in determining ways to build on our Strengths and improve on our weaknesses. It will also serve as a tool for grant applications. It is costly to maintain our Historic Log Village for future generations. We are also considering the idea of adding on to the Livery for exhibits, programs and storage.*







The Historical Society is keeping up with technology! Dottie Anderson, our Treasurer purchased software that has allowed us to consolidate

our many mailing lists into one. They can be updated by committee chairmen with password permissions and stored in the cloud. This software took the multiple lists of members, contributors, sponsors, volunteers and numerous supporters to be combined and stored on one data base with tags on each entry to designate that individual's or businesses' affiliation with our organization.

An effort is being made to gather e-mail addresses for our many members. If you have an e-mail address, please consider sharing it with us. This will allow the Historical Society to communicate via the internet and reduce the cost of printing and postage. This system is also tied into our website to accept payments of membership dues, purchases of fundraiser tickets and general donations. Steve is continually working on our website to keep the information up to date. You will also find this newsletter on that site!



### **Gift Shop News**

Museum goes this summer will notice some changes at the Visitor Center with improved lighting and decor. We have also expanded our inventory with a new selection of children's toys and artifacts. We will continue to offer our ever popular "Taste of History" books - a best seller! To make purchasing easier we plan to offer credit card payments. Be sure to visit!

### **Cleaning house??**

Our organization is in search of historical period costumes for our old-time photo booth and for our volunteers. We're looking for prairie period wear. Look through your closets for:

Women's and girls' bonnets, skirts, blouses, children's white pajama dress, women's dresses, prairie aprons, wide belts, all sizes.

Men's striped trousers, suspenders, duster coats, cowboy hats, button down shirts, vests, men's and boy's belts.

All donations are tax deductible!! Let us know if you can help.





## **2020 Calendar of Events**

**Saturday, May 23**

Historic Log Village opens for the season  
Volunteers are always needed  
to work on weekends

**Tuesday, June 2**

**4:00 PM**

Annual membership meeting

**Tuesday, June 9**

**10:00 - Noon**

Volunteer Brunch

**Wednesday, June 10**

**7:00 PM**

The "Jingle Dress"  
Adrienne Benjamin

**Wednesday, June 24**

**7:00 PM**

Wild & Free Wildlife Program  
Bob & Char Wrobel

**Wednesday, July 8**

**7:00 PM**

"Vibration of a Nation"  
Dylan Adams

**Wednesday, July 22**

**7:00 PM**

"American Indian Studies"  
Christina Goodwin Petit

**Thursday, July 23**

**Friday, July 24**

Crosslake Home Tour  
Old and new homes toured

**Sunday, Aug 16**

**10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

Artisan's Fair

**Wednesday, Aug 26**

**7:00 PM**

Candace Simar  
Award Winning Author

**Sunday, Sept 6**

Log Village last day open  
For regular weekend hours

**Saturday, Sept 26**

**7:00 PM**

"Cider & Candlelight Tour"  
Celebrate Crosslake Day

## **2020**

Because of the COVID-19 virus, we are unsure what the future will bring for our Historic Log Village in the coming months, but we will be optimistic and plan for the season! The calendar has been prepared and we hope to go forward with all our plans! Our Spring Fundraiser Dinner was cancelled, but our hope is that it will be held on September 15th. Stay tuned for more updates!

### **Volunteer Brunch**

**Tuesday, June 9**



This event is going to be a enjoyable get-together for all experienced and potential volunteers! It will be a celebration with food, goodies, songs and prizes along with an engaging and entertaining training session!

### **Home Tour**

**Thursday & Friday**

**July 23 & 24**

A willing and talented committee has come forward to resurrect the home tours that were part of our annual schedule in the past. This committee has motivation and ideas galore! We are excited to put this event back on our calendar this year. It will include tours of both old and new homes followed by a gathering with appetizers. Watch for more details.

### **Artisan's Fair**

**Sunday, August 16**

Step into the past at this annual event! Observe demonstrations of pioneer skills. See wood carvers, a soap maker, spinners and weavers! Learn how you can make butter! Enjoy music, games and food! See the Village guided by costumed volunteers.

### **Cider & Candlelight Tour**

**Saturday, September 26**

Experience the Historic Log Village after dark! Delight in Celebrate Crosslake Day. Take a wagon ride, enjoy a tasty treat, listen to music and wander the Village lit by lanterns!



## **The Back-Porch Series of Historical Programs**

These programs are open to the public and each begins at 7:00 PM

### **"The Jingle Dress"**



**Wednesday, June 10. Speaker Adrienne Benjamin.** Stories often trace the origin of the Jingle dress back to the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in Central Minnesota. While the exact details vary from community to community, stories of the jingle dress often feature the dress appearing in a dream and someone who is healed by the dance. In 1921, the federal government banned traditional dancing among American Indian communities. Despite this order, the jingle dress dance flourished and spread across Ojibwe communities and was adopted by Dakota peoples as well!! Adrienne has explored and researched these unique dresses. She creates and decorates them herself according to Native tradition!

### **"Wild and Free"**

**Wednesday, June 24. Speakers Bob & Char Wrobel.** Wild and Free is a 501(C)(3) non-profit wildlife program involved in rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing orphaned and injured wildlife accomplished through the cooperation of concerned citizens and the DNR. They provide rescue, medicine, surgery and physical therapy leading to the release of wildlife into their natural habitat. Doctors are licensed wildlife rehabilitators through both the DNR and USFWS. All the time they spend performing examinations, treatments and surgical procedures is donated to Wild and Free.

### **"Vibration of a Nation"**

**Wednesday, July 8. Speaker Dylan Adams.** Dylan Adams is a Native American Ojibwe from Cass Lake. Well steeped in Native traditions Dylan is called upon to officiate at native funerals, naming ceremonies and many other traditional native ceremonies. His talk will encompass his observation of the role of native Americans in modern day America. He will reveal to the audience some of the ritual Spiritual and traditional significances of Native drumming. He will share his knowledge and talent by drumming some native American songs! Dylan is pictured with his mother, Sandy Stangle.



### **"A Conversation About the Indigenous Footprint in the Crosslake Area"**

**Wednesday, July 22 Speaker Christina Goodwin Petit.** Chrissy's 'Goodwin' side comes from the White Earth Nation. She is a mother of three, a graduate from the University of Minnesota and currently working at Ain Dah Yung Center with homeless Native youth in the metro area. She will share what she knows about the Crosslake area including what it may have looked like before colonization, her connections through genealogical research and everything she knows about indigenous watercraft. She requests and welcomes questions from the audience, whether during the talk or after! This will be an informal, relaxed talk! Chrissy looks forward to sharing her story with our audience and hearing others' stories as well!

### **"Minnesota Frontier 1893"**

**Wednesday, August 26. Speaker Candace Simar** is a Pequot Lakes, Minnesota author with a passion for her Scandinavian heritage and a deep love of history. Candace grew up dreaming how life might have been for her family in the early days of Minnesota settlement. She became concerned when her college-aged children did not know this history. She took her son's challenge to "write a book." Her historical novels include the award-winning Abercrombie Trail series and Shelterbelts that received awards from both the Midwest book awards and the Willa Literary Awards in Historical Fiction.







### Spring Clean-up

For the last several years, we were assisted with grounds clean-up by a group of Pequot Lakes High School students who, as part of "A Day of Caring," were dispersed to the community to help with chores for individuals and organizations. With the unfortunate closing of the school, this day is canceled. We must gather our own hardy volunteers to ready the Historic Log Village grounds in May for the summer season which begins Memorial weekend. This will require many workers and coupled with the required social distancing, we

expect that this will take several days! We will need some good leaf blowers, tarps, rakes, and willing hands. Please contact Tom White if you can help with this project. You can email him at [tcwhite@crosslake.net](mailto:tcwhite@crosslake.net).

We also need volunteers to help ready the buildings for the coming season. Interiors must be cleaned, swept, vacuumed and dusted. Artifacts must be unpacked from totes and arranged in displays. Persons who are gifted with artistic and design talents are most valuable when setting up the exhibits of artifacts in our historic log buildings. Contact Mary Dischinger at 218-692-3188 or email at [marycat@crosslake.net](mailto:marycat@crosslake.net) if you can help with this task.

### Weekend Volunteers

Volunteers are always needed to guide our visitors through the Historic Log Village on Saturdays and Sundays from Memorial Day through Labor Day. At least two persons are required and three is desired! Please contact our volunteer coordinators to sign up for that weekend you are available. Training is provided. Call Marsha Schoeb at 602-418-0440 or Linda Andrews at 218-692-5263.

### Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday, June 2, 4:00 PM

This is your opportunity to meet and greet our current Board of Directors.

All members of the Crosslake Area Historical Society, according to the by-laws, should attend this meeting.

The election of the board and officers is held at this special meeting.

A financial report will be given. Future plans will be discussed.

If you have a desire to serve on this board, please come forward.

Bring new ideas. Offer your talents to lead!

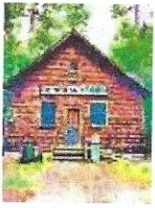
Refreshments will be served!

#### **Crosslake Area Historical Society 2019 Board of Directors**

President	Mary Kate Williams
Vice President	Priscilla Balmer
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	Mary Dischinger
	Dodo Fraser
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	Marsha Schoeb
	Tom White

**Mission Statement:** The Mission of the Crosslake Area Historical Society is to seek, collect, record, preserve and display historical artifacts and information pertaining to the Crosslake Minnesota area, to educate and ignite interest in our area's past.

**Vision Statement:** The vision of the Crosslake Area Historical Society is to continue to provide education and offer museum visitors a glimpse of the history of the Crosslake area, allowing them to experience first-hand how people lived and worked in the Crosslake area over time.



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